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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, JUNE 26-28

1. THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE OECD ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE'S TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION GROUP WAS HELD IN
PARIS JUNE 26-28. THE MEETING RESULTED IN THE ADOPTION
BY THE GROUP OF A REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBI-
LITY OF STATES FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AGAINST
TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION. THE REPORT WILL BE TRANSMIT-
TED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND MAY FORM THE BASIS
FOR FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STATES, DEPENDING UPON
THE DECISION OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, AFTER IT
HAS HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE REPORT.

2. IN ADDITION, THE GROUP DISCUSSED DOCUMENTS PREPARED
BY THE GROUP'S SECRETARIAT ON TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATER BASINS. TO FACILITATE
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TOPIC, THE NATIONAL DELEGA-
TIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO FURNISH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMA-
TION ON INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS INTER-STATE AND INTER-
PROVINCIAL RIVER BASIN COMMISSIONS.

3. THE GROUP DISCUSSED A PAPER PRESENTED BY THE CANA-

DIAN DELEGATION ON STATE RESPONSIBILITY IN CASES OF TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION. THE PAPER ELABORATED THE CANADIAN THESIS THAT ONLY INJURIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS GIVE RISE TO STATE RESPONSIBILITY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING BY THE OTHER DELEGATES, THE CANADIAN DELEGATION STATED THAT THE INJURY CONCEPT ALSO PROVIDED THE TEST FOR WHETHER A STATE HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY AND CONSULT ANOTHER STATE ABOUT POTENTIALLY POLLUTING PROJECTS IN A FRONTIER REGION.

4. THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED A PAPER PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT ON LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS.

5. THE NATIONAL DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON VARIOUS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE DATE OF THE OECD'S 1974 RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECLARATION RELATING TO TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE 1974 RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

6. A MORE DETAILED REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GROUP IS BEING PREPARED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR CIRCULATION UPON RETURN. SALZMAN.

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